

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on April 2, 2008.

Claims 4 and 79 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-6, 8 and 72-79 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 4 and 79 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, in claim 4 the terms “first etching” and “second etching” was stated to lack proper antecedent basis. Applicant has amended the terms in question to properly read “first wet etching” and “second non-wet etching”, and respectfully submits that the amended terms are now proper. Claim 79 was stated to have two period marks and extra words, rendering the claim unclear. Applicant has amended claim 79 to address the rejection by removing the unintentional extra phrase, and Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out the unintentional typographical error. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn in view of the claim amendments.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8 and 72-78 were allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney David Suhl at (508) 865-8211, or the undersigned attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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